

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A recording/reproducing apparatus comprising:
a video data storing section storing video data
and a copy control information in a recording medium;

5 a determination section determining, on copy
control information, whether the image data is only-
one-generation-copy-enabled data or copy-unrestricted-
enabled data;

10 a reduced-image storing section reducing a
designated image contained in the video data and
storing the reduced image in the recording medium, if
the determination section determines that the image
data is the copy-unrestricted-enabled data;

15 a inhibition section inhibiting a storage
operation of the reduced-image storing section, if the
determination section determines that the video data is
the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data; and

20 a video data reproduction section reproducing the
video data stored in the recording medium by the video
data storing section, based on the reduced image
designated.

25 2. The recording/reproducing apparatus according
to claim 1, further comprising a position information
storing section storing, in the recording medium,
position information indicative of a storage position
of the designated image contained in the stored video
data, if the determination section determines that the

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video data is the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data,
and wherein the video data reproduction section
reproduces the video data stored in the recording
medium based on one of the position information and
reduced image designated.

3. The recording/reproducing apparatus according
to claim 1, further comprising a displaying section
displaying a message that the reduced image cannot be
stored, if the determination section determines that
the video data is the only-one-generation-copy-enabled
data.

4. A method for recording and reproducing video
data, comprising the steps of;
storing video data and a copy control information
in a recording medium;

determining whether the video data is only-one-
generation-copy-enabled data or copy-unrestricted-
enabled data, based on the copy control signal;

reducing a designated image contained in the video
data and storing the reduced image in the recording
medium, if the video data is determined to be the copy-
unrestricted-enabled data;

inhibiting storage of the reduced image if the
video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-
copy-enabled data; and

reproducing the video data stored in the recording
medium when the reduced image has been designated.

5. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of storing, in the recording medium, position information indicative of a storage position of the designated image contained in the stored video data, if the video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data.

6. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of displaying a message that the reduced image cannot be stored, if the video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data.

7. An information recording medium including a program, the program comprising:

storing video data and a copy control information in a recording medium;

determining, on the copy control information, whether the video data is only-one-generation-copy-enabled data or copy-unrestricted-enabled data;

reducing a designated image contained in the video data and storing the reduced image in the recording medium, if the video data is determined to be the copy-unrestricted-enabled data;

inhibiting storage of the reduced image if the video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data; and

reproducing the video data stored in the recording medium based on the reduced image designated.

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